

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, April 30, 1951

The Special Committee appointed to consider Bill No. 79, An Act respecting Indians, met at 10 a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. Don. F. Brown, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Applewhaite, Blackmore, Blue, Boucher, Brown (*Essex West*), Bryce, Charlton, Fulton, Gibson, Harkness, Jutras, Little, MacLean (*Cape Breton North and Victoria*), Noseworthy, Richard (*Gloucester*), Simmons, Welbourn, Whiteside, Wood.

In attendance: Hon. W. E. Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; Mr. D. M. MacKay, Director, and Mr. T. R. L. MacInnes, Secretary, Indian Affairs Branch, and Mr. W. Cory, Legal Adviser, Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 79, An Act respecting Indians.

It was agreed that in Clause 12, sub-clause(2), the word "person" in line 18 be changed to "Indian".

Clause 28, sub-clause (2), was adopted.

Clause 29: Mr. Applewhaite moved in amendment that the following words be inserted after the word "lands" in line 32:

whether held under a certificate of possession, a certificate of occupancy or by a band or otherwise.

The question was put and the vote being 7 yeas and 7 nays, the amendment was negatived by the vote of the Chairman.

Clause 29 was then adopted on division.

Clause 32, sub-clause (1): It was agreed that the word "or" replace the word "and" between "Saskatchewan" in line 20 and "Alberta" in line 21.

Clause 37 was adopted.

Clause 72, sub-clause (2) was adopted.

Clause 92, sub-paragraph (b) was adopted.

Clause 11, paragraphs (d) and (e) were adopted.

Clause 86, sub-clause (2) was adopted on the following division:

Yeas: Messrs. Applewhaite, Blue, Boucher, Jutras, Little, MacLean (*Cape Breton North and Victoria*), Richard, (*Gloucester*), Simmons, Welbourn, Whiteside, Wood. (11)

Nays: Messrs. Blackmore, Bryce, Charlton, Fulton, Noseworthy. (5)

The question of calling Indian witnesses having again been raised, Mr. Fulton moved that in addition to any other witnesses to be heard, your Committee should call and hear evidence from representative Indian delegates on their desires and opinions with respect to Bill No. 79.